

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**HB 2652 – SB 2764**

February 22, 2012

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (013300):** Defines an endoscopy technician as a person who is trained to function in an assistive role in a gastroenterology setting. Includes the following in an endoscopy technician's scope of practice: assisting in data collection to identify the patient's needs, problems, concerns or human responses; assisting in the implementation of the established plan of care; assisting the gastroenterology registered nurse and physician before, during, and after diagnostic and therapeutic procedures; providing and maintaining a safe environment for the patient and staff; taking responsibility for personal continuing education; having knowledge of practice issues related to the field of gastroenterology; compliance with ethical, professional and legal standards; participating in quality management services as directed; and collaborating within the gastroenterology team and other healthcare professionals to ensure quality and continuity of care.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- Identifying endoscopy technicians as sufficient assistants to physicians performing endoscopic procedures in gastrointestinal endoscopy clinics and defining their scope of practice will not result in a significant regulatory or fiscal impact on the Department of Health or the Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities.
- Any rulemaking can be accomplished during regularly scheduled Board meetings and can be accommodated within existing resources.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-11-216, the Board is required to be self-supporting. As of June 30, 2011, the Board had a balance of \$594,768.55.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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